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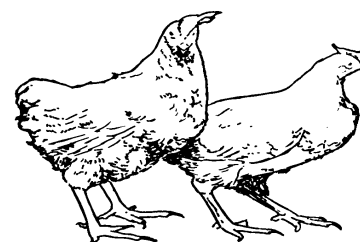
CHICKENS& EGGS

Maryland laying flocks produced 72 million eggs during March 2001, of which 67 million were table eggs and 5 million were hatching eggs. The average rate of lay was 73.4 percent. The average number of layers on hand during March 2001 was 3,164,000. On April 1, 2001, 2.5% of all hens were being molted in Maryland and 20.5 percent of all layers had been through a molt. U.S. egg production totaled 7.33 billion during March 2001, up 1 percent from the 7.23 billion produced in 2000. Production included 6.22 billion table eggs and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 67.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2001 averaged 337 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during March 2000. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,178 eggs, down slightly from 2,186 eggs in March 2000. All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2001 totaled 337 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 337 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.80 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day during March 2001, averaged 70.9 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from 71.2 a year ago. Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.87 billion eggs during March, up 1 percent from March 2000.

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The average number of layers during March, at 315 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier. The March 2001 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 763 million, was up 1 percent from March of the previous year. There were 627 million eggs in incubators on April 1, 2001 down 1 percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.75 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2001 down 8 percent from March 1999.



Eggs and Layers: March 2000 and 2001

Item	2000	2001	2001/2000
Eggs Produced During March	Million.....	Percent
Maryland	76	72	95
U.S.	7,234	7,331	101
Layers, Average Number During March	Thousand.....	
Maryland	3,416	3,164	93
U.S.	330,862	336,638	102
Eggs / 100 Layers During March	Number.....	
Maryland	2,225	2,276	102
U.S.	2,186	2,178	100

MILK PRODUCTION

Maryland dairy operators produced 347 million pounds of milk during the January-March quarter, down 2.8 percent from the same 3 months a year earlier. The number of milk cows decreased by 3,000, and yield per cow averaged 4,231 pounds per cow for the period, 231 pounds per cow above 2000. United States milk production in the 20 major States during March totaled 12.4 billion pounds, down 2.2 percent from March 2000. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,599

pounds for March, 33 pounds below March 2000. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.76 million head, 18,000 head less than March 2000 and 9,000 head less than February 2001. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the January-March quarter was 9.16 million head, 33,000 head more than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION JANUARY-MARCH, 2000&2001					
State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Production ²		2001/2000
	2000	2001	2000	2001	
	Thousand		Million Pounds		
Maryland	85	82	357	347	2.8
United States	9,188	9,155	42,630	41,326	3.1

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

Total cheese production, excluding cottage cheeses, was 8.25 billion pounds, 4.6 percent above 1999 production. Wisconsin was the leading State with 26.6 percent of the production. American type cheese production was 3.63 billion pounds, 2.9 percent above 1999 and accounted for 44.0 percent of total cheese in 2000. Italian varieties, with 3.31 billion pounds were 5.3 percent above 1999 production. Mozzarella accounted for 79.5 percent of the Italian production followed by Provolone

with 7.5 percent and Ricotta with 7.3 percent. Wisconsin was the leading State in Italian cheese production with 27.6 percent of the production. Butter production in the United States during 2000 totaled 1.27 billion pounds, 0.3 percent below 1999. California accounted for 27.8 percent of the production, followed by Wisconsin with 22.6 percent.

ANNUAL DAIRY PRODUCTS, MARYLAND & UNITED STATES				
	MARYLAND		UNITED STATES	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
Production	-----1,000 Gallons -----			
Ice Cream Regular	19,943	20,264	972,210	969,742
Lowfat Ice Cream ¹	5,371	4,812	381,236	382,084
Hard Milk Sherbert	1,262	1,050	51,340	49,539

¹ Includes District of Columbia.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Prices Maryland farmers received for crops improved slightly during April 2001. Wheat, corn and barley prices moved up and although the soybean price rose, the increase was only 1 cent per bushel. Livestock producers saw lower prices as cattle, milk and broiler prices declined. Prices for April 2001 were similar to

prices a year ago except for 1. soybeans which were a dollar per bushel lower with recovery not likely and 2. milk which was more than a dollar above last April.

Commodity	Unit	Maryland and Delaware			United States			Parity Price
		APR 2000	MAR 2001	APR 2001	APR 2000	MAR 2001	APR 2001 1/	
		Dollars						
Wheat, Winter	BU	2.25	2.32	2.38	2.32	2.85	2.79	9.70
Corn	BU	2.50	2.08	2.14	2.03	1.95	1.91	6.62
Oats	BU	1.80	1.65	1.65	1.35	1.24	1.29	3.79
Barley	BU	1.62	1.47	1.56	2.09	2.07	1.96	6.47
Soybeans	BU	5.28	4.45	4.26	5.00	4.39	4.18	14.40
All Hay, Baled	TON	152.00	108.00	112.00	78.20	87.20	94.80	-----
Apples, Fresh	LB	0.266	0.219	-----	0.193	0.142	0.158	.491
All Beef Cattle	CWT	69.20	75.90	74.90	71.30	76.30	76.50	159.00
Calves	CWT	91.00	90.40	97.50	111.00	112.00	113.00	209.00
Hogs	CWT	41.40	40.10	41.30	47.40	46.00	46.70	104.00
Milk, Fluid MKT	CWT	12.80	14.90	14.00	11.90	13.90	14.40	32.30
Chickens <u>2/</u>	LB	0.105	0.80	0.085	-----	---	-----	-----
Broilers	LB	0.365	0.370	0.345	0.340	0.400	0.390	-----
Turkeys, Live	LB	----	-----	-----	0.400	0.371	0.378	0.963
Eggs, Market	DOZ	0.536	0.620	0.624	0.476	0.518	0.492	1.56

¹ Mid-Month Forecast, Entire Month Price.

² Does not include broilers

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED			
INDEX AND RATIOS	UNITED STATES 1990 - 92 =100		
	APR 2000	MAR 2001*	APR 2001
All Farm Products	100	103	107
All Crops	102	98	106
Feed Grain & Hay	91	90	90
Oil- Bearing Crops	89	78	75
Fruits & Nuts	98	96	140
All Livestock and Livestock Products	98	108	109
Meat Animals	99	103	104
Dairy Products	91	106	110
Poultry and Eggs	106	119	116
Ratio 1/	84	84	86
Prices Paid Index	119	123	124

* Revised

¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index prices paid

POULTRY PRODUCTION

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys and the value of sales from chickens in 2000, was \$21.2 billion, down 5 percent from the \$22.3 billion in 1999. Of the combined total, 66 percent was from broilers, 20 percent from eggs, 13 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from other chickens. The value of broilers produced during 2000 was \$14.0 billion, down 8 percent from 1999. The total number of broilers

produced in 2000 was 8.26 billion, up 1 percent from 1999. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2000 was 41.5 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 1999. The 2000 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 33.6 cents per pound, compared to 37.1 cents per pound in 1999.

POULTRY PRODUCTION & VALUE, MARYLAND & UNITED STATES 1999-2001 ¹

	Eggs			Broilers ²			
	Eggs Produced	Price/ Dozen	Value Of Production	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
Maryland	-Million-	-Dollars-	-Thousand \$-	-1,000 head-	-1,000 #-	-Dollars-	-Thousand \$-
1999	894	0.599	44,625	294,400	1,472,000	0.360	529,920
2000	845	0.598	42,109	283,300	1,359,800	0.340	462,332
United States	-Million-	-Dollars-	-Thousand \$-	-1,000 head-	-1,000 #-	-Dollars-	-Thousand \$-
1999	82,715	0.622	4,287,164	8,146,010	40,829,800	0.371	15,128,840
2000	84,412	0.618	4,347,190	8,262,630	41,516,260	0.336	13,953,196

¹ December 1, 1998, through November 30, 1999 & December 1, 1999 through November 30, 2000.

² Broiler production including other domestic meat-type breeds.

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